



## EU-LIFE Woman Postdoc Mentoring Programme

Short bios of mentors



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I am a research group leader at CEITEC Masaryk University since 2017. Our team studies the effect of warm temperatures and other cues on plant reproduction and seed development in *Arabidopsis thaliana* and *Brassica napus*. We have expertise in molecular biology, genetics, microscopy, tissue culture, among other things. Prior joining CEITEC, I have studied in France (University of Rouen and ENS Lyon), did my PhD studies in Leiden, The Netherlands (2002-2007) and a post-doc at the PSB-VIB in Ghent, Belgium (2008-2012). I moved to Brno in autumn 2012 with my family.

We are a French-speaking family, but never lived in France. I have two kids, now teenagers, who had to learn Czech, when arriving in Brno. I may be helpful to guide female postdocs on issues related to mobility with a family (even so I know every situation is unique). In addition, I am one of the few female foreign group leaders in my institute. I am available to share my experience and the do's / don'ts of working and leading a research group in such environment.